

### REMARKS

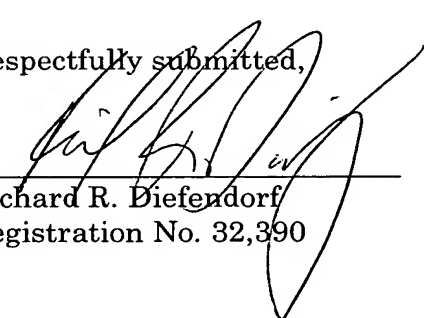
This preliminary amendment presents a substitute specification, an amended abstract, and new claims.

A marked-up copy of the substitute specification, showing additions to the translation by underlining and deletions from the specification by strike-through, is attached as Appendix III. The substitute specification includes no new matter.

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